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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to Applicant's amendment dated 2/16/2006, responding to the 12/2/2005 Office action provided in the rejection of claims 1-20, wherein claim 9 has been amended and claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 1-9 and 11-20 remain pending in the application and have been fully considered by the examiner.

Response to Amendments/Arguments

2. Applicant has essentially argued, see page 6 filed 2/16/2006, that the Golan reference does not teach "not performing the download". This argument is persuasive, therefore the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, 14-16, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is withdrawn. However, a new grounds of rejection is made in view of new interpretation of the Wallent reference.

3. Applicant's replacements for Figs. 12 and 14-16 have overcome the prior drawing objections. Therefore, these objections have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 6-8, 15, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by prior art of record U.S. Patent 6,366,912 to Wallent et al. (hereinafter "Wallent").

In regard to claim 1, Wallent discloses:

A method of performing a software download over a computer network, the method comprising: detecting a setting of a browser; based on the setting of the browser, determining if the browser will alert a user before a software download; and if the browser will not alert the user, not performing the download unless the user specifically authorizes the download. See Wallent column 4 lines 44-48:

Depending upon the security setting, the Web browser may perform the requested operation, prevent the requested operation from being performed, or **prompt the user** for a decision as to whether to perform the requested operation. (emphasis added)

Also see Fig. 4 with associated description at column 9 lines 63 – column 10 line 3::

A setting of "enable" corresponding to an operation indicates that the operation is to be performed, when requested, without warning the user. A setting of "disable" indicates that the corresponding operation is not to be performed. A setting of "prompt" indicates that, when the corresponding operation is requested, the Web browser should notify the user and query the user for whether to proceed with the operation.

This dialog window shown in Fig. 4 provides a "Download signed ActiveX controls" option, which provides a setting to "Prompt" (i.e. "alert") the user before a download. Fig. 4 further shows a "Disable" setting. In this case the setting is made informing the browser not to perform the download while not alerting the user. The option "Enable" is a specific authorization by the user to perform the download without a corresponding alert.

In regard to claim 6, the above rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Wallent further discloses: *wherein the download is not performed. See Wallent column 4 lines 44-48.*

In regard to claim 7, the above rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Wallent further discloses: *wherein the setting comprises a security setting*. See column 2 lines 57-60.

In regard to claim 8, the above rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Wallent further discloses: *wherein detecting the setting comprises inspecting a registry of the browser*. See column 7 lines 23-25.

In regard to claim 15, all limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claim 1.

In regard to claims 16 and 18 the above rejection of claim 15 is incorporated. All further limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claims 7 and 8, respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

7. Claims 2, 3, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallent as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of prior art of record U.S. Patent 5,974,549 to Golan (hereinafter "Golan").

In regard to claim 2, the above rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Wallent further discloses: *...asking the user to specifically authorize the download; and performing the download if the user specifically authorizes the download*. See Fig. 5.

Wallent does not expressly disclose: *displaying a non-browser message*. However, Golan teaches the display of a message by a security monitor. See column 2 lines 21-27.

In regard to claim 3, the above rejection of claim 2 is incorporated. Wallent further discloses: *wherein the ...message comprises a dialog box*. See Fig. 5. All further limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claim 2.

In regard to claims 19 and 20 the above rejection of claim 15 is incorporated. All further limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claims 2 and 3, respectively.

8. Claims 4, 5, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallent and Golan as applied to claims 2 and 15 above, and further in view of prior art of record U.S. Patent 6,061,733 to Bodin et al. (hereinafter "Bodin").

In regard to claim 4, the above rejection of claim 2 is incorporated. Wallent and Golan do not expressly disclose: *wherein the download involves providing a piece of software in chunks to a client computer*. However, in an analogous environment, Bodin teaches separating a large file into chunks for delivery to a client computer. See column 2 lines 62-64. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Bodin's teaching of chunks with Wallent's software download. One of ordinary skill would have been motivated to lower the probabilities that downloading a "large file will result a loss of connection, time-outs, or other system problems" (Bodin column 2 lines 56-59).

In regard to claim 5, the above rejection of claim 4 is incorporated. Wallent further discloses: *wherein the software download involves providing a piece of software in chunks to a client computer over an Internet.* See page column 6 lines 27-30.

In regard to claim 17, the above rejection of claim 15 is incorporated. All further limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claim 5.

9. Claims 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallent in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number US 2003/0135504 A1 by Elvanogin et al. (hereinafter "Elvanogin") in view of prior art of record "Web surfers brace for pop-up downloads" by Olsen (hereinafter "Olsen").

In regard to claim 9, Wallent discloses security settings and security messages. See column 4 lines 44-48 as cited in the above rejection of claim 1. Golan teaches display of a non-browser message as discussed in the above rejection of claim 2. Wallent and Golan do not expressly disclose ignoring a security setting in order to solicit a download. However, Elvanogin teaches that security settings can be disregarded using a mechanism that is separate from a browser. See paragraph [0056] as well as FIG. 2:

For example, a user can have a privacy setting that instructs the browsing software never to download anything from a particular restricted site, **regardless of the security setting** that may be decided via various rules negotiation.

Further, Olsen teaches that pop-up boxes are used to solicit downloads for installation.

See page 1 paragraph 1:

For example, when visiting a site a person may receive a **pop-up box that appears as a security warning** with the message: "Do you accept this download?" If the consumer clicks "Yes," an application is automatically installed.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Elvanogin's teaching of ignoring security settings with Olsen's teaching of pop-up messages along with Golan's teaching of security settings in order to boost distribution of software in an effort to sell targeted ads as suggested by Olsen (See Olsen page 2 paragraph 6).

In regard to claim 14, the above rejection of claim 9 is incorporated. All further limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claim 8.

10. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallent, Elvanogin, and Olsen, as applied to claim 9 above, and further in view of Golan.

In regard to claim 11, the above rejection of claim 9 is incorporated. All further limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claim 3.

11. Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallent, Elvanogin, and Olsen, as applied to claim 9 above, and further in view of Bodin.

In regard to claims 12 and 13, the above rejection of claim 9 is incorporated. All further limitations have been addressed in the above rejection of claims 4 and 5, respectively.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Derek Rutten whose telephone number is (571) 272-3703. The examiner can normally be reached on T-Th 6:00-6:30, F 6:00-10:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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